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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CASE: W/W LENY VILLAREAL

1. WE APPEAR TO BE FACING PROBLEM SIMILAR TO ROCAMORA CASE IN SOME ASPECTS. OFFICES OF SENATOR WEIKER AND REPRESENTATIVE FRASER CALLED EA/PHL ON MARCH 5, AND LETTERS FROM BOTH OFFICES WILL FOLLOW. BOTH CALLS WERE STIMULATED BY GERALD M. GREENE, A WASHINGTON ATTORNEY, WHO WAS IN PHILIPPINES WITH PEACE CORPS AND IS FRIEND OF VILLAREAL. ALL FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GREENE, WHO SAID HE HAD WRITTEN TO SEVERAL OTHER SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES, PROTESTING GOP'S REFUSAL TO GIVE VILLAREAL AN EXIT PERMIT.

2. VILLAREAL (BORN 5 SEPTEMBER 47 AT BANJA, AKLAN AND PRESENTLY RESIDING AT ATIENZA STREET, ROXAS CITY, CAPIZ) MARRIED VIRGINIA LEE OLLER LAHERA VILLAREAL (BORN 12 NOVEMBER 53 AT FORTLEE, VIRGINIA) ON 15 JUNE 1975. MRS. VILLAREAL IS U.S. CITIZEN OF PHILIPPINE EXTRACTION. MR. VILLAREAL APPLIED FOR IMMIGRANT VISA AT EMBASSY ON 15 JUNE 1975 AND, EITHER THEN OR AT SOME LATER TIME WAS ALLEGEDLY TOLD THAT NO VISA PROBLEMS FORESEEN. VILLAREAL APPLIED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DFA FOR EXIT PERMIT ON 5 OCTOBER 75, AND HIS APPLICATION
WAS REJECTED BY PHONE CALL 25 FEBRUARY 76.

3. GREENE SAID THAT VILLAREAL WAS STUDENT ACTIVIST, ARRESTED IN 1972 AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. ALSO, GREENE STATED THAT VILLAREAL'S EXIT PERMIT APPLICATION HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY LETTER FROM CORNELIO VILLAREAL, JR., A KINSMAN, AND THAT EXIT PERMIT HAD ACTUALLY BEEN REJECTED IN GENERAL VER'S OFFICE.

4. LOGICAL ANSWER TO INQUIRIES WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED IS THAT VILLAREAL IS PHILIPPINE CITIZEN AND EXIT PERMIT IS MATTER BETWEEN HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT. REALISTICALLY, THIS ANSWER DOES NOT HOLD WATER VERY LONG WHEN BOTH AMERICAN CITIZEN INTEREST AND HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS MAY BE INVOLVED. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE STEPS IN THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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